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No One Answers Priest's Plea For Weapons

BATTLE CREEK (AP) — A plea by a Roman Catholic priest that his parishioners turn in their guns to him so they could be destroyed went unheeded Sunday.

The Rev. John Huhn, assistant pastor of Battle Creek's St. Joseph Church, asked some 1,000 parishioners to "turn over their weapons of violence" at two masses Sunday. But no one complied.

Father Huhn said he was

little disappointed, but added: "Perhaps it was just a general reluctance or fear of wanting to be involved or to stand up publicly and do something."

"My desire in issuing the call was to make a point. If they respond even in the internal recesses of their hearts, it certainly will not be wasted."

GUN HANDED

The priest got the idea for a gun turn-in appeal when a reserve Navy lieutenant com-

mander handed in his shotgun last Monday night during a memorial mass for Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The 30-year-old priest mailed his own draft card to Secretary of State Dean Rusk and then to Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark last December to protest the Viet-Nam War. He said he has not been contacted by federal authorities on the matter.

During last Monday's memorial mass for Kennedy, Rich-

ard Hale of Battle Creek walked to the altar and gave Father Huhn a 12-gauge shotgun which he said he won in a sales contest.

Hale, general manager of a lumber company, said he had a strong belief that the use of guns is no way to settle anything.

The priest, who intends to destroy the shotgun, then issued a plea for other parishioners to follow Hale's example and to

bring their guns to the altar during the offertory of the two masses Sunday. He even asked children to bring in toy guns.

In his sermons, the priest said:

"We are not concerned about a lot of gun control legislation. It is important and necessary."

VIET WAR CRITIC

"But it is sort of incongruous, because we stick guns in the hands of 18 and 19 year olds

and send them across to the other side of the world to kill and destroy and burn innocent women and children with napalm."

The priest added: "In general because of a nation bringing violence to another country like this, we should really be surprised that we have so much violence here."

He referred in Sunday's epistle to St. John, which says,

"Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer and you know that a murderer does not have eternal life abiding in him."

The priest added:

"We did not pull the trigger in Memphis, Dallas, or Los Angeles, but because of our hatred for black people or others who tend to disagree with us, we are in a similar situation because St. John's statement is so clear."



SAMPLES HIS PEACHES: President Lyndon Johnson tastes a peach grown on his Texas ranch Sunday while chatting with newsmen. The president attended Catholic and Lutheran services at nearby Stonewall. (AP Wirephoto)

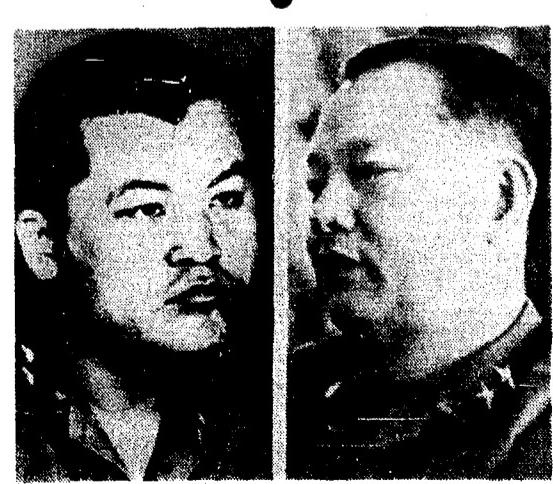
Crack Viet Troops Rip Red Stronghold

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Daring Saigon Assault

SAIGON (AP) — Grenade-throwing South Vietnamese raced from bunker to bunker and wiped out a Viet Cong stronghold in face-to-face fighting that ended at dawn today in a Saigon suburb.

The elite Special Forces troops, brought to Saigon to free a hamlet held by the Viet Cong for two weeks, killed 30 guerrillas and drove 100 others into rice fields along the Saigon river. They took 15 prisoners.



GENERAL FIRED: Lt. Gen. Nguyen Duc Thang, left, commander of the South Vietnamese 4th Corps Area which includes the Mekong Delta, has been placed on "indefinite sick leave." His replacement is Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van La, former inspector general of the armed forces. The change was reported by reliable sources in Saigon today. (AP Wirephoto)

BATTLE LINES DRAWN FOR GUN CONTROLS SHOWDOWN

Rifle Lobby Plans Attack

Flood Of Letters Expected To Protest Legislation

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Rifle Association, its amazing record of blocking strict federal gun controls in jeopardy, has begun its counter-attack.

And if the gun lobby lives up to its past successes hundreds of thousands of letters opposing gun controls will rain down on Congress by mid-week—just before a House committee considers restrictions on gun sales.

The deluge of mail will be in response to a weekend plea by the NRA for its 900,000 members to "express their views

without delay to their senators and congressmen."

The letter-writing campaign, a favorite gun lobby tactic, is the NRA's answer to the demands for tough gun controls flowing from the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy with a \$30.95 pistol.

In the past—even after President John F. Kennedy was murdered with a mail order rifle—the NRA and its allies have successfully smothered proposals to regulate gun sales or require registration of guns.

PUBLIC FOR LAWS

This comes in the face of overwhelming public support of such legislation. This spring, for example, pollster Louis Harris reported 71 per cent of Americans favored stricter gun control laws.

What is the NRA? How does it operate? Why does it pack so much power?

Founded in 1871 by a group of National Guard officers interested in improving their marksmanship, the NRA has grown over the years to an organization with 900,000 members and a net worth of nearly \$12 million.

It operates from an eight-story glass-and-marble headquarters building in downtown Washington. Emblazoned in gold letters above the main entrance in the basic NRA credo: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

(This is from the second article of the Bill of Rights: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.")

Inside the building, NRA President Harold W. Glassen puffs on his pipe and proclaims:

"Make no mistake about it—there is a step-by-step move afoot to accomplish the ultimate deprivation of the American right to keep and bear arms."

Glassen, a Lansing, Mich., lawyer, gets very annoyed by references to the NRA as a gun lobby.

"All this talk about the gun lobby is baloney," he said in an interview. "We don't tell anyone to write to their congressmen."

Last Saturday, a two-page letter signed by Glassen went to all NRA members. "Unless the sportsmen of America clearly express their views without delay to their senators and congressmen," it said, "individuals will be prohibited from acquiring long guns (rifles and shotguns) in interstate commerce and general firearms registration will become a reality."

The NRA's ability to generate mail is a major ingredient to its successful fight against tough gun control laws. NRA officials

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Lima Beans—Schreiber's, Adv.



FIREMAN RAISES FLAG: Approximately 50 persons gather around the flag pole in front of Benton Harbor municipal hall Saturday to see Benton Harbor fireman raise flag and hear Flag Day speech by Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith. Represented were the sponsoring Elks club 544, Post 105 and 1137 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Post 1137 VFW auxiliary, Gold Star, Navy and World II Mothers, U.S. Navy and Army Reserves, the Michigan National Guard, Elks Emblem club 122, the Drum & Bugle Corps of Watervliet Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army and the Benton Harbor firemen. (Staff photo)

Hammond Doesn't Want Second Term

Prosecutor Has His Eye On Judicial Post

Prosecutor John Hammond announced today that he will not seek reelection as prosecuting attorney of Berrien county.

Although he has not announced plans, speculation was that he might seek one of the projected district court benches.

Legislation creating the new lower court system currently is on the governor's desk for signature.

In his announcement, Hammond reported a big increase during the four year's of his term in the volume of cases that prosecutor's office must deal with.

He said there are now over 500 more felony cases per year than there were five years ago, an increase of 40 per cent.

The prosecutor's office also is now handling over 300 civil cases per year in state and federal courts.

"This would permit them to gain invaluable experience and to acquaint themselves with the day-to-day operations of this office as well as the capabilities

and functions of the various members of the staff," he said.

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JOHN T. HAMMOND

year, the Berrien prosecutor's office must defend against over six times as many of these cases as the Michigan supreme court heard in 1962 for the whole state.

Hammond has been prosecuting for four years, a period when the full effect of rulings by the higher courts and state constitutional changes made themselves felt in the prosecuting attorney's office, he said.

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Editorial Page

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Jury Tells Off Dr. Spock

The Mexican and the Spanish-American Wars are the only two of several conflicts mounted by the U.S. in which some appreciable measure of public discontent with American policy did not appear.

Even the Mexican War stirred considerable grumbling in the Northern states which viewed President Polk's invasion across the Rio Grande as a gambit to multiply the number of slave holding states, thereby increasing the political authority of Dixieland.

Both wars, however, were so short, yielded so much in tangible accretion to American territory, and were fought entirely by regulars and volunteers, that they excited more enthusiasm than irritation on the home front.

All the others were marked by vocal recrimination and worse.

In the Revolutionary War, American Tories and rebels committed atrocities against one another.

The War of 1812 was lost before it started because most of the country refused to support what it considered an imprudent venture by the New England states.

The Civil War found Americans in open conflict once again and at home both the Union and the Confederacy had to contend with draft riots.

Many communities in World War I because of their heavy concentration of Germanic settlement posed security problems for the government.

World War II became popular only after Pearl Harbor and throughout the American participation in it the administration of the draft raised constant complaint and ugly accusations in the states.

Korea found little genuine enthusiasm but rather a sense of resignation at home. There was great resentment against Truman's wholesale calling up of World War II reservists and widespread grousing once more about the draft's operation. The opposition in the early '50s took the general form that the draft was not working at all.

Viet Nam is no exception to this dreary recital and, if anything, is more intense.

The number of well known people who have chosen to take up the cudgels against American intervention exceeds in number and prominence that of any previous engagement.

Their counsel ranges from decrying LBJ's sense of propor-

Rescuing The Franc

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been buying all offerings of francs. In this way it is hoped to check the flight of capital from France.

True, the motives of the United States and the strong financial nations of Europe are not entirely altruistic. Indeed, the New York Reserve Bank acted on France's behalf with dollars owned by the Bank of France.

It is to the advantage of the U.S. and the rest of the world that the strength of the franc be maintained. Its weakness would most hurt an already unstable British pound and the vulnerable U.S. dollar, and thus make even more precarious the future of the international monetary system.

All the same, the irony of France's predicament when contrasted with Gen. de Gaulle's position at the time of the pound's devaluation cannot be ignored.

Then he coldly deserted the international gold pool and alone fought the effort of France's former allies to stave off the world monetary system by supporting the dollar and pound.

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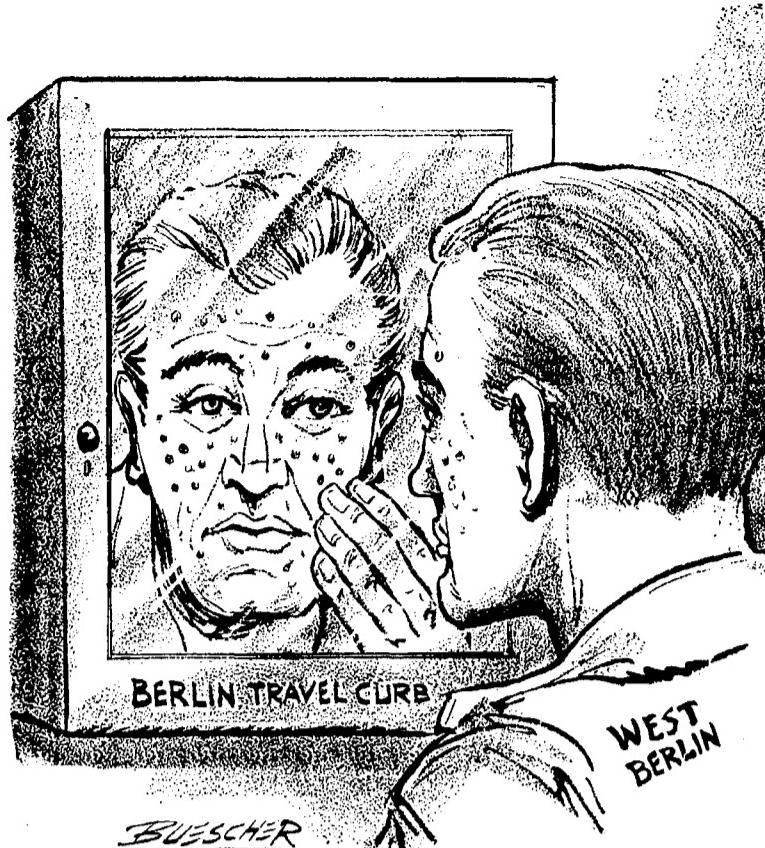
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American women buy most of the clothing, it is reported. And also wear some of it.

Houses floating in space are predicted as the coming status symbols; to match the mortgages, presumably.

Red Rash Again



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BRIDGMAN JAYCEES ELECT BREAKERS

—1 Year Ago—

William C. Heyn of Bridgman was elected and installed as president of the Bridgman Jaycees and Mrs. Eldon Gloor as president of the auxiliary at the annual awards banquet in the Blue Chip lounge in Harbert. Other officers installed were John Wilk, first vice president; Mike Pedde, second vice president, Lawrence Sunday, secretary; Ron Gelesko, treasurer. Auxiliary officers are Mrs. Robert Claudon, vice president; Mrs. William Heyn, secretary; Mrs. William Buck, treasurer.

Pedde was designated as the outstanding Jaycee of the year.

The outstanding committee award went to the air park committee with Heyn as chairman and Bob Claudon and Bill Buck.

FOUR RUN FOR BOARD

—10 Years Ago—

Four persons are seeking the two posts on the New Buffalo school board which expire this summer. Three year terms of Joseph Balsam and Henry Suida expire.

The four petitions were filed Monday at the high school by incumbent Balsam and George Ghareeb, Mrs. Nan Repany and Howard VanArtsdorp. Suida does not plan to seek reelection. The school board election will take place July 14.

TURKEY AND VICHY NEAR BREAKING POINT

—2 Years Ago—

Sharp eyes anticipating the early development of big events today were focused on the Balkans and the Middle East—the eyes of the Axis apprehensively—even as British blockbusters armadas again pounded the German home front and Allied planes smashed at enemy shipping in the Aegean seas.

Berlin worried about the sealing of the Turkish-Syrian frontier which Ankara said was "to

protect troop movements,"

about reports that its Rumanian and Hungarian satellites were angling for peace; about spreading political and civilian unrest in the Balkans.

In the Mediterranean, Allied long-range fighters attacking from bases in the Middle East sank three more enemy ships in the Aegean sea while the mass of Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz' northwest Africa air force took a day off after violent assaults

Tuesday on five Axis airdromes in Sicily.

LARGEST SHIPMENTS

—55 Years Ago—

Last evening the largest fruit shipments of the season were made over the transportation lines. While the cargoes were mostly strawberries, some cherries were included. Strawberries were bringing from \$2 to \$2.35 a case and cherries from \$2 to \$2.50.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

CRIME'S RISING TIDE

When the dismembered body of little Suzanne Degman was found in a Chicago sewer many years back it was widely publicized for the time being, but the public soon considered it just one of those things. The same channels of publicity and thought followed the slaughter of several student nurses in a Chicago nurses' home, and again, the public has forgotten about another murder of a prominent citizen on Chicago's North Shore, a young woman just blossoming into womanhood.

Yes, indeed, all these crimes of violence are, to the general public, just another one of those things, anticipated and expected in a democracy, yet why?

Now the shoe begins to pinch after the murder of President John F. Kennedy, the slaughter of Rev. Martin Luther King and now the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Whether or not we care to call these events another one of those things is beside the point.

Our apathy during the past four decades places us in a spot

predicted nearly one half century ago when Wade Ellis, noted authority, now deceased, said, "The United States is the most lawless and crime ridden nation on the face of the globe. This is not a crime wave, but a rising tide."

Mr. Johnson has now called in

a session of individuals to study this situation and come up with an answer. He is nearly

50 years too late, for way back in the early '20s the late Judge Marcus Kavanagh had all the

answers and made the public in

a book entitled "The Criminal

And His Allies" in which he

openly exposed and condemned our legislative, executive and

judicial branches for permitting

the conditions at that time to

exist. He minced no words, but

portrayed the courts as they

were, calling a spade a spade.

He condemned parole, the

long, senseless indeterminate

sentence, the prison systems,

and especially the technicalities

of the law which had made and

is still making our system of

law observance, enforcement and

punishment a dismal failure.

He missed no important

point in his tirade against the

indifference of the American

politician, judge, attorney, and

he even took a slap at the

crooked cops and higher officials

for the part they play in the

ramifications of criminal justice.

This new commission of Mr.

Johnson need go no farther than

the shelves in the Congressional Library, or any one of the thousand and one greater libraries in America to procure the book that illustrates today's problem, the need for a revamping of the entire judicial system.

One cannot cast aspersions on

one man, one group, one official

body in this instance.

It is the entire citizenry that

is responsible. We flout the

laws. We buy our way out of

legal difficulties. We teach

lawlessness to our children by

the purchase of toy guns and

other means of killing or playing

at killing. We show every

kind and type of slaughter on

TV. The radio screams murder.

Magazines by the millions cover

every kind and type of crime on

the books. Filthy literature becomes best sellers and the juvenile delinquent is a product of parental indifference to the

problems of home.

Lawlessness and crime is a

very profitable business. It has

become a profession, learned

early in childhood.

Consider this, Mr. President.

Perhaps you had better read the

book also. You want the answer.

You can have it if you take

some time out with the new

Commission and find the

answers to your why's and wherefore's.

Even the grave can solve this

problem, and if it does you can

add the name of Hon. Marcus E.

Kavanagh, late judge, Superior

Court of Chicago to the requiem of

just another one of those

things.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS,

Bridgman

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

Can iron be used for the cure of all kinds of anemia?

Anemias are classified by their varieties, their causes and their severity. Anemia can be produced by excessive blood loss from hemorrhage. It can also be the result of some strange blood disease that destroys the red blood cells. There are also anemias which are due to inadequate formation of the red blood cells, or to some defect in the way they are produced in the marrow of bone.

Dr. Coleman

Normally, in men, there are about five million red blood cells in every cubic millimeter. The count is slightly lower in females. There is also a variation of the number of red blood cells at birth, during infancy, and adolescence. Red blood cells exhaust their function and, when they die off, must be replaced by other red blood cells released from the marrow of the long bones. The normal life span of a red blood cell is about one hundred days and then the blood forming mechanisms of the body replace it. The amount of hemoglobin within red blood cells and the number of red blood cells help determine the exact kind of anemia. Often there are peculiar changes in the size or shape of the red blood cells, which indicate one of the many types of anemia. For each there is a special form of treatment.

Iron is used by mouth, or by injection, for a specific type of anemia. In fact, it is called iron deficiency anemia. Sometimes it is called nutritional anemia and is found during infancy, childhood and in pregnancy. When the iron is replaced and the underlying cause for the anemia is treated, the condition improves in a remarkably short period of time.

Many people assume they are

anemic because of excessive fatigue, restlessness, and lack of enthusiasm for daily activity. Many, in fact, go through life accusing themselves of having a condition that really does not exist.

There is one way, and one way only, to know if one has anemia and that is by having a complete blood study, including the counting of the red blood cells and the hemoglobin. Most physicians do their own routine blood examination and are remarkably adept at determining the kind of anemia and treatment necessary to control it. When more complicated studies are necessary, patients are referred to a hematologist, a specialist in the study of the blood.

The treatment and control of iron deficiency anemia and the rapid return to health is most gratifying.

Pernicious anemia is a very complicated deficiency of vitamin B. When once this was discovered, many people who were, and might have been, chronic invalids for the rest of their lives, were able to return to normal health by the control of this unusual-type of anemia with vitamin B12.

What is meant by kissing disease?

This is a rather pleasant condition for a not so pleasant condition, infectious mononucleosis. It is caused by a virus which has not yet been positively identified. There is one, and only one, definite way to prove a positive diagnosis and that is by a blood study called the heterophile test.

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POLICE ARREST 19 PERSONS OVER WEEKEND

Ex-Foundry Hand Now 'Maitre De'

Former BH Man Now Chief Of Ritzy Dining Room

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

The "maitre de" of the dining room in one of the world's most elegant hotels is a former foundry hand in the Twin Cities. Clifford Crutcher commands the 1,000-seat dining room in the Grand hotel, Mackinac island. In the mid-1940's, he was employed at Aut Specialties Manufacturing Co. His idea of work was seven days a week, so on Sundays he drove spikes for the old Pere Marquette railroad.

Crutcher's Twin City connections were discovered by Benton Harbor City Commission F. Joseph Flaugh on a visit to the island last year. "It was surprising after he and I got to visiting, for one reason or another, to find that he formerly lived in Benton Harbor and did very menial work," said Flaugh.

A Grand hotel employee for 10 years, Crutcher advanced from waiter, to captain, and has been head waiter for five years in charge of 70 employees who serve an average of 1,500 to 1,800 meals a day during a four month period.

Flaugh adds that Crutcher is the most impressive "maitre de" he has seen. Crutcher is about six feet tall and weighs



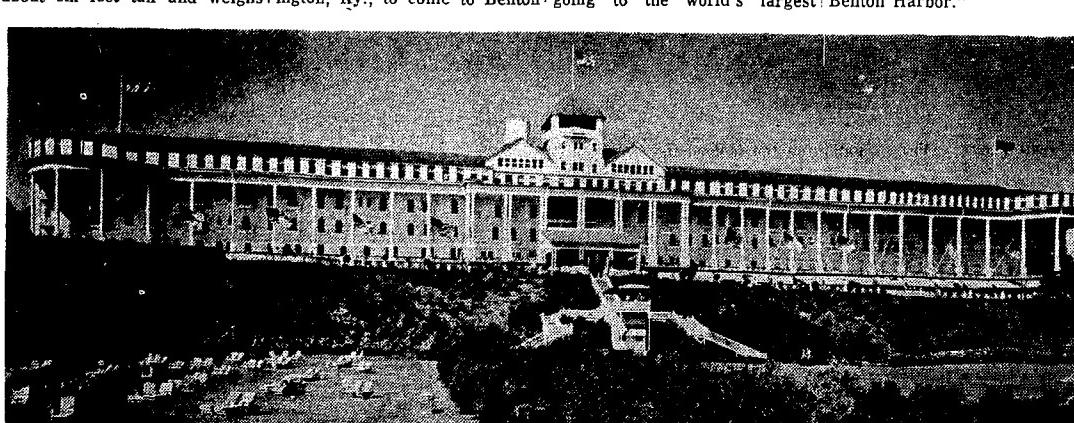
CULINARY ART: Serving flaming Cherry Jubilee to 1,000 persons would be an almost impossible task for some of the best cooks and waiters—but not for Delmar Gardner (left), executive chef at the Grand hotel, and Clifford Crutcher, head waiter. The occasion was a Michigan Bankers association meeting attended by 1,000 persons.

285 pounds. "He certainly has the respect and complete control of the employees in that huge and beautiful dining room of the Grand hotel," said Flaugh.

Crutcher left his native Lexington, Ky., to come to Benton

Harbor in response to a help wanted advertisement. He roomed here in a house on Miller street.

He returned to Lexington to work at the Phoenix hotel as a bus boy and waiter, before going to the world's largest



READY FOR THE SEASON: Another summer season means the flags are waving proudly at the Grand hotel, Mackinac Island where dinner guests

are served under the direction of Clifford Crutcher, who once lived in Benton Harbor.

Well-Known SJ Store Owner Dies

R. C. Wynkoop Dead At 71

Ronald C. (Don) Wynkoop, operator of Wynkoop's shoe store in St. Joseph for the past 50 years, died at 4:30 a.m. today in Berrien General Hospital, Berrien Center. He was 71.

Mr. Wynkoop resided at 1898 Michigan Avenue in Fairplain. He was born in Bellvue, Iowa, on May 9, 1897, and moved here with his parents as a youngster.

An unusually quiet man, he nevertheless became a well-known figure in St. Joseph through his long years of retailing. His principal civic activities involved promotion of downtown St. Joseph as a business center.

In 1936, he was married to the former Gertrude Nafziger, who survives.

Besides his widow, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ed (Jean) Petrik of LaVerne, Calif., and Mrs. O. E. (Betty) Dial of Cambridge, Mass.; three grandchildren; and a brother, Dr. William Wynkoop of Alton, Ill. Another brother, Rex V. Wynkoop, preceded him in death in 1960. Rex Wynkoop was prominently known for decades as editor of the St. Joseph Herald-Press.

R. C. Wynkoop was a member of the First Congregational church of Benton Harbor and the St. Joseph Kiwanis club.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Kerlikowske and Stark funeral home. The Rev. W. Brewster Wilcox, assistant pastor of the First Congregational church of Benton Harbor, will officiate.

Burial will be in Crystal Springs cemetery.

BOAT TROUBLE SJ Firemen, Policemen Kept On Run

St. Joseph firemen and police responded to two calls at Lions beach over the weekend but what looked like emergencies were quickly solved.

Firemen stood by with a resuscitator unit at 2:20 p.m. Saturday when a boat was reported sinking offshore.

The 16 foot boat, owned by Claude Jochmans, of 810 Michigan Avenue, St. Joseph, was noticed about 100 yards west of the park concession stand by Patrolman Dave Agay. Agay said that while watching the boat, he noticed a part fall off. Then it began to sink, Agay said.

St. Joseph police radioed the twin cities police boat, operated by Benton Harbor Patrolman James Whitaker, who towed the limping boat to shore.

At 3:04 p.m. Sunday a runabout, owner unknown, was beached safely after springing a leak.

Firemen at 10:55 a.m. Saturday administered oxygen to Frances Brown, 1315 Ann Street who was taken to Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, where she was treated and released.

Service Officer Of AMVETS To Meet With Vets

Orland J. Brown, service officer for AMVETS, will be at the St. Joseph office of the Michigan Employment Security commission Tuesday to answer questions on veterans benefits.

The service is available from 2 to 5 p.m. to veterans, widows and dependents of veterans. The MESC office is at 800 Port street.

Man Loses Eye After Being Hit

Charges Range From Assault To Drinking

Area police arrested 19 persons on charges ranging from assault to contributing to the delinquency of a minor this past weekend.

Benton Harbor police arrested John L. Miller, 27, of 647 Highland avenue, Benton Harbor, Sunday morning on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

Miller was apprehended in connection with an injury received by James Parnell, 46, of 156 Oden street, Benton Harbor. Miller allegedly struck Parnell with a board. Police said Parnell lost the sight of one eye as result of the blow. He is in fair condition at Mercy hospital.

Berrien sheriff's deputies arrested three Indiana youths after a high speed chase near Bridgeman early Sunday morning. Deputies Richard Heminger and Dave Tiefenbach said the youth's auto reached speeds of 120 miles an hour on Three Oaks road. The youths were apprehended after running into a corn field at the dead end on Kruger road.

Arrested on charges of fleeing from a police officer, reckless driving, minor in possession of intoxicants, and drunk and disorderly, was the driver, William Hutchison, 18, of 727 Marine street, Elkhart, Ind. Two companions, both minors, were charged with minors in possession of intoxicants and drunk and disorderly. Deputies also said the youths were driving without lights during much of the chase.

YOUTHS ARRESTED

Sunday morning sheriff's deputies arrested six more Indiana youths. Four were charged with minors in possession, and two with furnishing intoxicants to minors.

Arrested for furnishing to minors were Roger Holdin, 22, and James Miller, 21, both of Elkhart. They were apprehended near Wilderness Beach, Bridgeman.

Ernest Lee Clark, 65, general delivery, Benton Harbor, was arrested in Coloma on Sunday evening by deputies on a charge of furnishing intoxicants to minors.

Benton Harbor police arrested Larry James Stanfill, 21, on a warrant for non-support Saturday morning.

Gary Alan Leitz, 17, Route 4, Coloma, was arrested for larceny from an auto. Benton Harbor police said two sets of keys were stolen from a car at Transworld Motors.

Arthur Fredrick Blodgett Jr., 17, Route 3, Benton Harbor, was arrested by Benton Harbor police on charges of no operator's license, speeding and unlawfully driving away an automobile.

Sheriff's deputies arrested William L. Sheppard, 43, of 615 Ferry street, Niles, for driving under the influence of intoxicants, on M-60 in Niles, Sunday morning. He was also charged with no operator's license, deputies said.

DRIVING CHARGES

Benton Harbor police arrested Albert Junior Fineout, 40, of 718 Riverside avenue, on a



BUSY YOUNG REPUBLICAN: John Liskey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Liskey, 2311 South State street, St. Joseph, an active Teenage Republican, will go to the 1968 National Republican Convention at Miami Beach as a courier. He is shown checking over the correspondence that disclosed his selection. (Staff photo)

SJ Youth To Attend Convention

Selected As Courier For GOP Delegation

By DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

John Liskey is not old enough to vote but he will be going to the Republican National convention in Miami Beach, Fla. in August just the same.

In fact he started making preparations for the trip about four years ago.

Liskey, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Liskey of 2311 South State street. He is a June graduate of St. Joseph high school where he was president of the senior class.

He was notified recently of his selection as a "Special Michigan Courier" by Ely Peterson, chairman of the Republican party in Michigan. As an official courier he will fly to Miami with the Michigan delegation, stay at the official headquarters, the Hotel Carillon in Miami Beach, and attend many of the convention sessions.

About the only thing he won't do is vote.

LONG-TIME WORKER

Interested in politics, John worked in Republican headquarters back in the 1964 campaign, running errands, making phone calls and helping out where he could.

He has been active in the Berrien County Teenage Republicans. Now he is chairman of a project to distribute 20,000 telephone stickers reminding voters of deadline to register, the primary election and other important dates leading up to the 1968 presidential election.

Last December John wrote to Rep. Edward Hutchinson for information on the possibility of his attending the convention. Hutchinson directed John to get in touch with John B. Martin of Grand Rapids, national committeeman. His application was weighed. Only about 10 such couriers are permitted from each state.

John will pay his own expenses to the convention.

Diplomas Go To 111 At Coloma

Reinhardt Wins Senior Award

COLOMA — Coloma High School's 74th annual commencement exercise was held Sunday afternoon with 111 seniors receiving diplomas at McDaniels Field.

High school principal, Victor Wier, presented the traditional Green and Gold award to Gary Reinhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reinhardt, Jr. Wier said the award is a traditional symbol awarded to that student "who possesses those intangible qualities of personality which makes him an outstanding school citizen." The award was established in 1931.

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Police searched the area, but did not find the pair.

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DESTINATION CHANGED: Because of unsettled conditions in the nation's capital, a group of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at Eau Claire who have been saving three years for the trip left early Sunday morning for Kentucky instead of Washington, D.C.

Seventy-five Scouts were accompanied by leaders and six adults. Instead of the sights of the capital city, they will see Mammoth Cave, Lincoln's birthplace and other historic spots in Kentucky on their five-day bus tour. (Staff photo)

Michigan United Fund Taps Five

Berrien Residents Elected At Parley

Three residents of the twin cities area and one from Niles have been elected to the executive committee of Michigan United Fund.

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R. C. (DON) WYNKOOP

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R. C. Wynkoop was a member of the First Congregational church of Benton Harbor and the St. Joseph Kiwanis club.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Kerlikowske and Starks funeral home. The Rev. W. Brewster Wilcox, assistant pastor of the First Congregational church of Benton Harbor, will officiate.

Burial will be in Crystal Springs cemetery.

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Siebenmark was wearing a

gas mask when the artillery

shell containing the "mustard"

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Also in the same machine gun

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Burrow, 35, of Olney, Ill., paid

transportation for Jessie and Maria Martinez, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Almanza to fly to Mexico and return with the four younger children.

A joyous reunion followed, with doctors saying the children were better medicine than anything they could offer.

Several days ago Mrs. Almanza was moved to a semi-private room due to her failing condition. Friday she saw her children for the last time, Saturday afternoon while talking.

FFA Elects Lakeshore Students

CASSOPOLIS — Ray Fast of Homer was elected president for the 1969 Future Farmers of America training camp during a recent two-day leadership training session at Camp Friedenswald on Shavehead

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Ninety-six FFA members from chapters throughout Area I attended the leadership session.

Motorcycle Crash Victim Still 'Critical'

Salome Rodeques Gallegos, 22, of Knapp's Trailer park, Hartland, remained in critical condition in the South Bend Memorial hospital intensive care unit this morning with a fractured skull and leg.

Gallegos was riding a motorcycle early Friday morning, when the motorcycle crashed into the side of a car backing out of a driveway on River Road, Sodus Township. Gallegos was taken to Benton Harbor Mercy Hospital and later transferred to South Bend.

A passenger on the motorcycle, Veda Sisk, 13, of 1363 Pine Street, Benton Township, was in fair condition this morning at Mercy Hospital. She was admitted with a leg fracture and possible head injuries.

PULLMAN—A South Haven woman died and six other

persons were injured as the

result of a two-car head-on

crash on Pullman road, the

Casco-Lee township line west of

here Sunday night, South Haven

state police said.

Dead was Evelyn L. Martin, 29, 319 Front street, who police

said was a passenger in a car

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Holmes, 41, route 3, South

Haven. Miss Martin was

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According to police, the Holmes car collided with a vehicle driven by Walter Kolodziej, 47, Chicago, near the intersection of Pullman road

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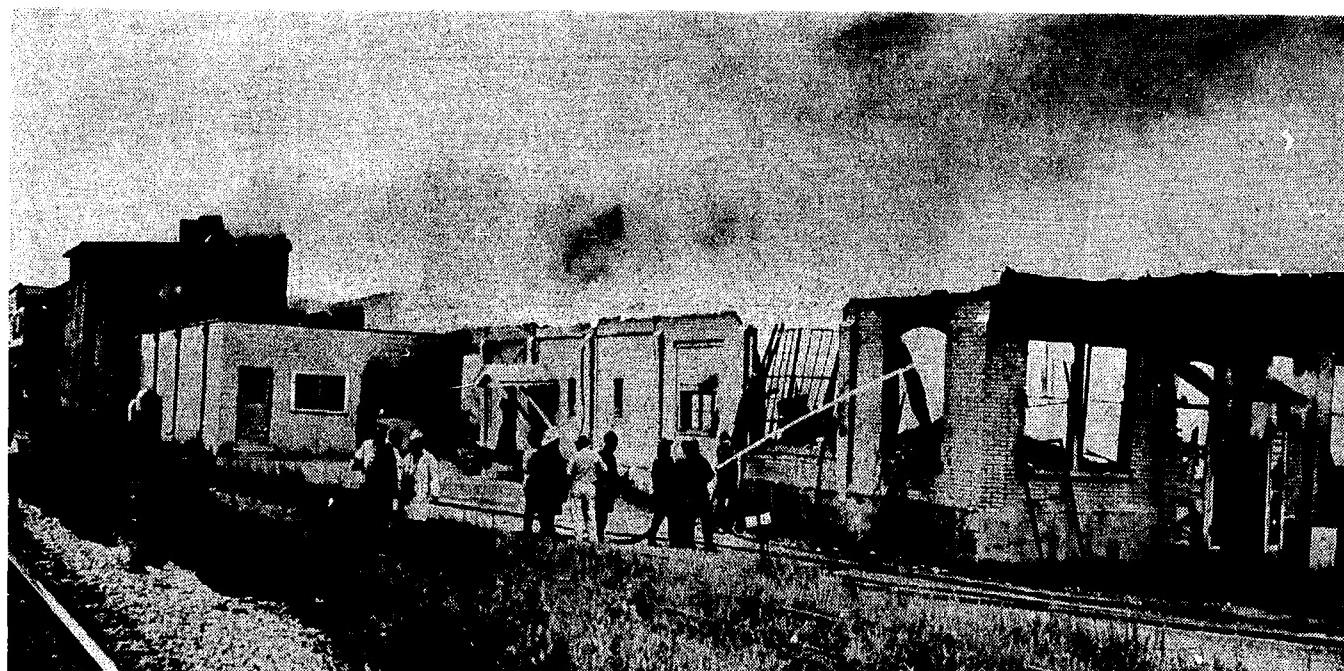
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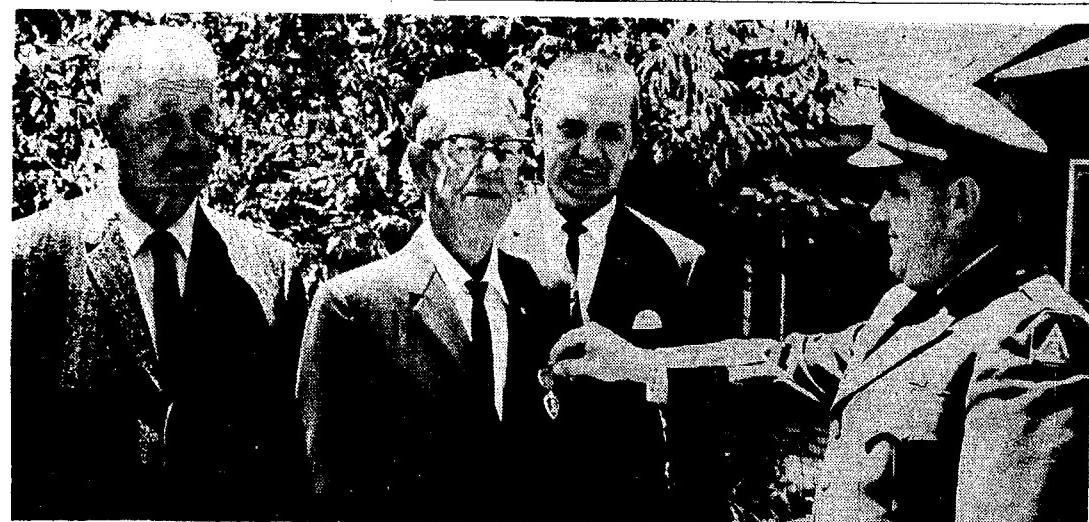
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By BILL RUMBLER
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Martinez explained that in the section of Mexico where they lived, children only received a third grade education. The oldest child, 12-year-old Olimpia, has only had two years of schooling. Mrs. Almanza spent eight years at East Dunlap elementary school in Texas and felt it was very important for her children to be educated.

VISAS EXPIRING

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